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Dear Secretary of State,

**RE: Land at Wilmer Place and 198 -201 Stoke Newington High Street, London, N16**

I am writing to you to add my support to the requests by residents and Councillors in Hackney for you to call-in two recently determined applications relating to the redevelopment of Wilmer Place – 2013/3186 (Full Planning Permission) and 2013/3187 (Conservation Area Consent).

You will have already received correspondence that details the situation at Wilmer Place, and I draw your attention, in particular, to the letter written by Cllr Daniel Stevens – dated 16 December 2013 – which gives a comprehensive list of reasons for you to intervene on this matter, all of which I support.

I am aware that your Department has issued an Article 25 Direction on this application, which I welcome, and, from my review of the situation, it particularly concerns me that an application that was previously refused back in April this year can be re-submitted virtually *verbatim* and then be granted permission. The fact that there is a low proportion of residential units that will meet the criteria for affordable housing (9 of the 54 units) is also unacceptable in my view.

You calling-in the application would be a sensible move, I feel, as it would give all parties involved – particularly the local residents – the necessary time and support needed to resolve the application so that a more amicable solution can be reached. As such, I unconditionally add my support to Cllr Daniel Stevens and the local residents who have asked for you to call in this planning application, and I look forward to receiving notice of your decision.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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